

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A wheel comprising:

a wheel rim including a plurality of orifices formed therein, and including an inner surface, and each of said orifices of said wheel rim being defined by at least one engaging flange,

a plurality of spokes to be attached to said wheel rim, each of said spokes including a threaded end portion,

a plurality of latches each including a bore formed therein to receive said spokes respectively, and to be attached to said spokes respectively,

a plurality of barrels engaged into said bores of said latches respectively, and each including a screw hole formed therein for threading with said threaded end portions of said spokes, and for securing said barrels to said spokes respectively, each of said barrels including an enlarged head formed thereon, for engaging with said latches and for anchoring said spokes to said latches respectively,

each of said latches including a base having a shape corresponding to that of said orifices of said wheel rim, for allowing said base of said latch to be engaged through said orifices of said wheel rim,

each of said latches further including a catch disposed on said base, and having an outer peripheral contour no greater than that of said base, to allow said catch to be engaged through said orifices of said wheel rim, ~~and~~

each of said latches including a first fastener extended from

said catch,

a second fastener threaded to said first fastener and engaged with said wheel rim, to secure said latch to said wheel rim,

each of said catches including at least one cut off portion formed therein, to define at least one engaging surface therein, and to form at least one tongue in said base relative to said catch,

said catches being engageable into said orifices of said wheel rim when said catches of said latches are rotated relative to said wheel rim, to engage said at least one engaging flange of said wheel rim into said at least one cut off portion of said catches, and to engage said at least one tongue of said base with said inner surface of said wheel rim, and thus to anchor said base of said latch to said wheel rim.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).